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Riders look for a win at Mosaic

Riders wide receiver Aaron Hargreaves takes a pass during practice at Mosaic Stadium Thursday. Hargreaves joined the team this week. ROB BROWN/METRO

Saturday matchup against the Stamps.

'We are hungry. We have a bit of a chip on our shoulder': Durant

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Hoping to stop their losing slide, a louder coaching staff and seemingly more focused team hit Mosaic Stadium for practice this week.

Last Sunday's 24-5 loss to B.C. was its fourth in as many outings, and Riders on both sides of the ball know Mosaic is where the team has to come up with a win.

Defensive end Brent Hawkins says focus on the practice field this week will translate into success Saturday afternoon when the team takes on the Calgary Stampeders.

"We need to snap this streak," said Hawkins. "We have to."

Rider pride was tall in the saddle after a 3-0 start to the season. However a July 19 loss as the Stamps stole a 41-38 win started Saskatchewan's 0-4 tumble.

Hawkins says he doesn't care about things like redemption. He doesn't care where the Riders' next two points comes from.

"We don't care who it is against," said Hawkins. "We have to beat them. We aren't worried about the past."

One player who does remember Saskatchewan's season turning south after its last Stamps encounter is quarterback Darian Durant.

Durant is looking to hit more green downfield after tossing three interceptions on 27 passes against B.C. last week.

"We are hungry. We have a bit of a chip on our shoulder."

Kickoff is 1 p.m. Saturday at Mosaic Stadium.

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Varsity football

Rams kick off season against U of M Bison

On Friday the University of Regina Rams will open their season against the University of Manitoba Bison in Mosaic Stadium at 7 p.m. The Rams finished last season with a 5-3 record, tying for second in the Canada West Division of the Canadian Interuniversity Sport football league.

The Regina Thunder will also play this weekend at Mosaic. The Thunder will take on the Winnipeg Rifles at home on Sunday. The Thunder are 1-1 so far this season and a win against Winnipeg would put their season on the right track.

JEFF MACKEY/METRO

Sisters abuse case

Woman charged in girl's death is released on bail

A Regina woman charged in the death of a four-year-old girl in her care has been released from jail. Tammy Lynn Goforth was granted bail on 10 conditions, including that she not have contact with her husband, Kevin Eric Goforth, who is also charged in the girl's death.

The girl died earlier this month after she and her two-year-old sister were brought to a Regina hospital. The condition of the younger girl is said to be improving.

The couple still faces one count of negligence causing bodily harm in relation to the two-year-old. Outside court, the girls' biological mother was furious with the bail decision. Details about the hearing are under a publication ban.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

End of an era: Beloved Cathedral butcher shop set to change hands

Family business.
Owners want to sell Fellinger's Red Meat Wagon, along with its recipes and antiques collection, to a buyer who'll run it as-is

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Kurt Fellinger serves a customer in his butcher shop, Fellinger's Red Meat Wagon. After 33 years in the Cathedral area, the Fellingers are sad to sell the business, but feel that it's time. CARRIE-MAY SIGGINS/METRO

Kurt and Diana Fellinger are feeling a little emotional these days. After 33 years of calling the Cathedral Village home, their popular butcher shop, Fellinger's Red Meat Wagon, is on the market.

"It's just the time in our life to do it," Kurt Fellinger said, about selling the business. "We've gone as far as we can."

Kurt grew up in his father's butcher shop, which opened on 13th Avenue in Cathedral in 1959, and learned the art of a good cut from him. But after Kurt and Diana married, they decided to strike out on their own. When the couple were only in their mid-20s, they pooled their savings and bought the Flying Dutchman Butcher Shop, also in the Cathedral area. Soon after, the business acquired the name it has today.

"We have been connected to 13th Avenue for well over 60 years," Fellinger says.

He gets misty-eyed when describing his connection to the neighbourhood. "I'll miss the people. We've seen families grow up. We started in '79, when many of them were in kindergarten. Now they're in their 40s."

The couple is selling the business "lock, stock and barrel," meaning they're looking for a buyer who will keep the store running as-is. "We're selling it as a whole package — our name, our antiques, our recipes. And we're here to show you how to run it."

Quoted

"We have been connected to 13th Avenue for well over 60 years." Kurt Fellinger

Fellinger's antiques collection alone is enviable. Started when Kurt was in his 30s, it includes a Coca-Cola sign from the 1930's, along with other memorabilia. "It's part of the history that we want to leave behind."

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The new fraud: 'E-mules' play catch me if you can, and make crime pay

Crime. Forget Leonardo DiCaprio's cheque forger in the Hollywood movie. Today's fraudsters are cunning entrepreneurs who are enlisting everyday citizens to launder money

ELISABETH BRAW
Metro World News

Are they e-mules, too? Leonardo DiCaprio, shown with stewardesses in the film Catch Me If You Can, played a con artist who cashed $2.5 million in fraudulent cheques in the 1960s. The film was based on a true story, but modern-day fraud offers far more opportunities for crooks. DREAMWORKS

"In money laundering there's a rule," Ken Rijock says: "You're only limited by your imagination."

Rijock, a Miami lawyer, knows what he's talking about: He laundered $200 million in Colombian drug money and served a prison sentence for it, too.

Now Rijock wants to warn others about the money laundering going on right under their noses. "The money launderers work very hard," he says, "and now they don't even have to get on a plane to go to a tax haven. Now we have the Internet, which is making their job easy."

And the Internet has given rise to a new kind of mule: The e-mule. "E-mules are an emerging trend," says Mauro Falesiedi, senior specialist on economic crimes at Europol, the European police agency. "We've had money mules crossing the border with cash for a long time, but now we also have e-mules, who are recruited to help transfer fraudulently obtained money."

Unlike the old-fashioned mule, e-mules don't have to carry anything: They just lend criminals their name. "As an e-mule, you're a law-abiding citizen who lets criminals borrow your bank account to transfer money," Falesiedi says. "Obviously you get paid — often 10 per cent of the amount. The e-mules are often students or persons with no judicial background."

Organized crime groups from Russian and Ukraine are among those setting up money-laundering schemes with the assistance of e-mules. According to the Financial Action Task Force, an intergovernmental organization, criminals are also using e-mules in casinos and in currency-exchange bureaus. But old-fashioned cash smuggling continues, too, as does money laundering through real-estate and shell companies.

In theory, banks can easily spot an e-mule. "If you're a student and usually have $400 in your bank account, and all of a sudden you get $10,000 from a Nigerian account, that should normally raise a red flag and generate a financial disclosure to the competent domestic authorities," Falesiedi says.

But the reality is different. "It's next to impossible to catch money launderers," says Rijock, who now helps police catch them. "The only way is if the police catch one criminal and he leads them to others." Many banks do the bare minimum, he says. "They don't train their staff to catch money launderers. The banks don't want to be the policemen of the world."

Daunting enterprise

"It's next to impossible to catch money launderers."
Ken Rijock

Are you financing terrorists unknowingly?

Like criminals, terrorists also launder money. As early as 1998, U.S. officials acknowledged that al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden's finances were shrouded behind so many front companies that it could take years to decipher them.

A recent report by the intergovernmental Financial Action Task Force says terrorist groups traffic everything from drugs, cigarettes and diamonds to human beings. Some employ legitimate organizations as fronts. The groups carry out humanitarian work but also channel donations to terrorists.

As a result, donors wishing to help the victims of a natural disaster, for example, may unwittingly be funnelling money to terrorist groups.

Osama bin Laden covered his money-laundering tracks behind front companies. GETTY IMAGES

Terrorists, too, have discovered Internet payment systems. They process huge amounts of money and, because the transfers are happening on the Internet, no country has the authority to make arrests.

ELISABETH BRAW/METRO WORLD NEWS

Murder scandal

How not to launder money

The Chinese court case against businesswoman Gu Kailai, who confessed to poisoning British businessman Neil Heywood, serves as a sobering reminder of the consequences of money laundering in some parts of the world.

Chinese prosecutors said Heywood threatened to expose Gu's illegal financial dealings. Gu and her husband, politician Bo Xilai, along with Heywood, Gu's business partner and adviser, were accused of siphoning money from government coffers out of the country, partly to pay for the luxury life of Gu and Bo's son. One scheme thought up by the pair, prosecutors said, was a trading company that would export British hot-air balloons to China. Gu's company could then overpay the British company by $236,000. Gu supposedly instructed Heywood to use this money to pay for her son's private school fees in England.

Neil Haywood
PUBLIC DOMAIN

Gu was recently jailed but was spared the death penalty.

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Q & A

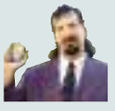
Fine art and virtual gaming

E-mules are a new money-laundering trend. What other new techniques do money launderers use?

They like to divert non-monetary items into monetary items and back again. One method they're using a lot right now is to buy artworks then sell them back to themselves again and again. They also use things like virtual gaming, where you can turn virtual money into real money. There's no question that people unknowingly help them. In the world of money laundering there's always duplicity involving unwitting participants.

Why is it so hard to catch money launderers?

Money laundering is a secondary crime. It's always connected to prostitution, the drug trade or arms trade. When people are caught for those primary crimes they're often simply put behind bars. And money laundering is one of the most entrepreneurial crimes. Money leads to money. Money launderers can become legitimate businessmen using their illegal proceeds as seed money.



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Paralympic athletes sent home after accusations of sexual assault

London 2012. Three members of Jordanian squad will return for a hearing Oct. 18

Jordan pulled three squad members accused of sexual assault in Northern Ireland out of the 2012 London Paralympics on Thursday, sports officials in Amman said.

The Jordanian Paralympic Committee said the three men — two Paralympic power-lifters and a trainer — will be flown home later on Thursday but that they will be returned to court in Northern Ireland on Oct. 18 for their hearing.

The three were arrested on Monday northwest of Belfast before the start of the Paralympics, which begin Aug. 29. The men were released on bail Wednesday.

The committee said in a statement, "We have zero tolerance on any misconduct and will continue to work closely with the Northern Ireland authorities to assist in their investigation."

Police said a 14-year-old girl claimed that she posed for photographs with Omar Sami Qaradhi, 31, before he groped her between the legs in Antrim on Aug. 18. The same day, a 16-year-old girl said she and a friend were walking near the sports centre when the men blocked their path. Police allege that one of the men pushed the girl towards Qaradhi, who wrapped his arm around her waist and tightened his grip before she ran away.

Qaradhi is facing three charges of sexual assault. He also is charged with one count of voyeurism after allegedly entering a women's changing room at the local sports centre.

The two other men were identified as Motaz Al Junaidi, 45, and trainer Faisal Hammash, 35. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Refuge from the chaos

A Syrian girl, who fled her home with her family due to fighting between the Syrian army and the rebels, sleeps by her family's belongings, while she and others take refuge at the Bab Al-Salameh border crossing, in hopes of entering one of the refugee camps in Turkey, Thursday. MUHAMMED MUHEISEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Syria

Regime fights rebels for control of Damascus

Syrian troops backed by tanks and helicopters broke into a Damascus suburb on Thursday following two days of shelling and intense clashes as part of a widening offensive by President Bashar Assad's forces to seize control of parts of the capital and surrounding areas from rebel fighters, activists said.

At least 15 people were killed in the offensive on Daraya, only a few kilometres southwest of Damascus.

Across the country, at least 100 people died in shelling and clashes, according to the Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights and the Local Coordination Committees.

The bloodshed coincided with the departure from the Syrian capital of the last of the United Nations military observers after their mission failed. The mission was part of a six-point peace plan by outgoing envoy Kofi Annan.

As the country slides deeper into civil war, activist groups now routinely report the deaths of anywhere between 100 and 250 people on a daily basis, but it is virtually impossible to verify these figures.

Residents of Damascus said troops were bombing Daraya and nearby Moadamiyeh from the Qasioun mountain overlooking Damascus. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

New project launched to find ill-fated ships

Nunavut. Inuit oral tradition has been key for previous searches seeking the lost Franklin expedition

Details

- The federal government is contributing $275,000 to the new expedition, with additional costs being picked up by private partners.
- It's expected to last between four and six weeks.

The search for the lost ships of the ill-fated Franklin expedition continues.

A new research project was announced Thursday by the prime minister in Nunavut, where the ships are believed to have sunk.

"Why do we search for the Franklin? The wreckage of the Franklin expedition is a national historic site designated some time ago — it is the only undiscovered national historic site, we feel an obligation to discover it," Stephen Harper said.

Sir John Franklin set out from England in 1845 to find the Northwest Passage with two ships, the HMS Erebus and HMS Terror.

But they ended up trapped in ice, and Franklin, along with other crew members, died in 1847. The next year, the surviving crew set out on foot but were never seen alive again.

All this is known thanks to a message left in a cairn on King William Island, and while the message suggested where the two ships might have been when they were abandoned, previous attempts to find the wrecks have been unsuccessful.

In 2010, a search team did find the remains of the HMS Investigator, sent in 1850 to find Franklin.

The unknown final resting place of the ships was declared a national historic site in 1992, though the ships will remain the property of the United Kingdom.

The search areas will include both the O'Reilly Island area, west of the Adelaide Peninsula and further north to Victoria Strait and Alexandra Strait.

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Order of Canada. Black capable of defending his membership in writing, federal lawyers say

Conrad Black has a way with words, government lawyers say, and the Order of Canada advisory council is well aware of that — he gave them a copy of his latest book.

Federal lawyers are set to argue in court Friday that Black should have no trouble making written arguments to the council deciding the status of his Order of Canada membership, documents show.

Black, 67, is asking Federal Court to force the advisory council to allow him an oral hearing as it decides whether to recommend the Governor General revoke Black's prestigious membership, bestowed upon him in 1990.

His lawyers are arguing that his case is too complex to be handled in writing — the only medium Order of Canada rules allow. The former media magnate went to Federal Court after his request to make arguments in person was denied.

But documents filed in advance of Friday's hearing show federal lawyers are relying on Black's own prowess with prose to argue that he doesn't need oral arguments to make his voice heard.

The council can recommend members of the order be stripped of their status, but the final decision rests with the Governor General.

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Conrad Black at the Empire Club in Toronto in June. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Infestation

Alberta town escalates battle against rats

Officials in Medicine Hat, Alta., think it could take two years to clear the city of rats.

The municipality has announced it's stepping up its war on the rodents with a new strategy called "Operation Haystack."

Ed Jollymore, the city's waste manager, says baited hay bales will be scattered around Medicine Hat to attract and kill the vermin with a poison that won't harm people or pets.

Prior to the infestation, Alberta had been largely rat-free for 50 years.

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Disease

Resurgence seen in syphilis cases

Cases of syphilis across Canada have risen dramatically over the last two decades, spiking to more than 1,750 cases in 2010 from 177 in 1993, the most recent statistics show.

"People age 30 and older accounted for 73 per cent of all the reported cases in 2010," said Dr. Howard Njoo of the Public Health Agency of Canada. "The other interesting thing is the vast majority of cases are among men."

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Arctic

Officials fretted over war game

The administrative wing of Prime Minister Stephen Harper's office worried about the optics of hundreds of Canadian troops taking part in a major NATO-sponsored Arctic war game in northern Norway earlier this year.

Conservatives have made rebuilding the military, more international involvement and a more muscular presence in the North key policy touchstones.

But senior federal officials told the army last fall they weren't sure the country should participate in Exercise Cold Response.

It took the intervention of the assistant deputy minister of policy at National Defence to smooth the way for the army's participation, reassuring senior government officials that were "no policy obstacles" that contradicted Government of Canada policy.

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Worst drought in a generation deepens across Midwest: Report

Hollow harvest.
Farmers tally losses as states reliant on agriculture receive extreme or exceptional drought classifications

On the day a new report suggested the nation's worst dry spell in at least a generation is deepening in America's breadbasket, Nebraska farmer Doug Nelson said Thursday he expects to harvest anywhere from nothing to 43 bushels per acre on his unirrigated acreage — a far cry from the 120 to 140 bushels he'd typically get.

On the irrigated land, he could see 150 to 200 bushels an acre; in previous years, Nelson would see a minimum of 180 bushels.

"But we'll have the combines going here in probably another month, and then we'll know for sure," said the 61-year-old Nelson, who farms some 5,000 acres near Wayne.

38 years

"For the most part, we haven't seen a hit like this since 1974, as far as my career goes."
Nebraska farmer Doug Nelson

The U.S. Drought Monitor's weekly map showed that, as of Tuesday, just over two-thirds of Iowa, the nation's biggest corn producer, was in extreme or exceptional drought — the worst two classifications. That's up more than 5 percentage points, to 67.5 per cent, from the previous week.

Nearly all of Nebraska, Kansas, Missouri and Illinois are in extreme or exceptional drought, with Illinois showing the most dramatic climb, spiking 17 percentage points in one week to 96.72 per cent, according to the map.

On Wednesday, the USDA added 33 counties from eight drought-stricken states to its list of natural disaster areas, bringing that tally to 1,821 counties in 35 states over the past six weeks. That's more than half of all U.S. counties.

In the lower 48 states, there was a subtle increase in the overall area experiencing at least some drought, from 61.77 per cent last week to 63.2 per cent. There was little change in the overall area seeing exceptional or extreme drought, which went from 6.26 per cent last week to 6.31 per cent this week.

Plains farmers have begun harvesting what corn managed to survive, although many growers cut their fields weeks ago, chalking the year up as a loss. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drought condition water levels have taken their toll on the wildlife at Anderson Lake State Fish & Wildlife Area near Astoria, Ill. According to the latest drought report released Thursday, nearly all of Illinois, Nebraska, Kansas and Missouri are in extreme or exceptional drought. SETH PERLMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Dominican Republic, Haiti brace for tropical storm

Tropical Storm Isaac took aim at the Dominican Republic and Haiti Thursday and it was expected to gain strength after drenching tiny islands in its whirl over the eastern entrance to the Caribbean.

There was a chance it could dump rain on next week's Republican convention in Florida.

No major damage was reported, but authorities in Puerto Rico said an elderly woman died in an accident while preparing for the storm.

U.S. forecasters said Isaac was likely to approach Hispaniola, the island shared by the Dominican Republic and Haiti, as a hurricane late Thursday or early Friday after intensifying over the warm waters of the Caribbean. It was predicted to move on to Cuba as a tropical storm, then Monday perhaps head to Florida, where the Republicans will be gathering to nominate Mitt Romney for the presidency.

In the eastern Caribbean, many seafront bars and restaurants remained open Wednesday night as lightning and thunder crackled and choppy surf slapped against piers and seawalls.

The storm was 360 kilometres south-southeast of Puerto Rico, early Thursday, with maximum sustained winds near 65 km/h. Isaac was moving west near 21 km/h, the U.S. National Hurricane Center said.

At the bar of the Fort Young Hotel in Dominica's coastal capital of Roseau, a few tourists and locals drank cold beer and chatted over the sound of white-crested waves outside.

"The skies were very black and cloudy most of the day, but it's been pretty quiet so far. Some rain, very little wind," bartender Raymond Reynolds said Wednesday at the 71-room hotel on the jagged, densely forested island. "We've been through this before."

In the meantime, another tropical depression was moving across the Atlantic. The depression had maximum sustained winds near 55 km/h early Thursday and was expected to become a tropical storm later Thursday or on Friday.

The depression was centred about 1,790 kilometres west of the Cape Verde Islands and moving west-northwest near 26 km/h.

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U.S. jurisdiction

As the storm approached, military authorities at the U.S. base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, cancelled several days of pretrial hearings in the case of five prisoners charged in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

- They also planned to evacuate about 200 people, including legal teams and relatives of Sept. 11 victims.
- The U.S. Coast Guard closed all ports in Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands to incoming commercial ships.

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Former Beatle

John Lennon's killer denied parole

John Lennon's killer was denied release from prison in his seventh appearance before a parole board, New York corrections officials said Thursday.

Mark David Chapman, 57, was denied parole by a three-member board after a hearing Wednesday, the state Department of Corrections said.

"Despite your positive efforts while incarcerated, your release ... (would) trivialize the tragic loss of life which you caused as a result of this heinous, unprovoked, violent, cold and calculated crime," board member Sally Thompson wrote. Chapman shot the former Beatle in December 1980. THE ASSOCIATED

Guilty verdicts

Jamaican woman convicted of sham marriage to soldier

A federal jury convicted a Jamaican woman Thursday of entering into a "sham marriage" with a Kansas soldier so she could get legal immigration status.

Shannakay Hunter, 28, fought back tears after the jury returned guilty verdicts for conspiracy to commit marriage fraud, marriage fraud and lying to the government.

The government contends her 2010 marriage to Joshua Priest, 23, then a private at Fort Riley, was a fake arrangement to give her a green card and him $1,500 in extra monthly benefits for married soldiers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Facebook rolls out improved mobile app

New version. No integration of Instagram yet, but latest update for smartphones and tablets focuses on being speedier

On Thursday, Facebook addressed users who had gripes with its app for iPhones and iPads with the launch of a faster version. Rather than add a slew of new features, the company said it rebuilt the application from scratch to make it speedier and less clunky.

In a recent demonstration at the company's headquarters, the new iPhone app opened about twice as fast as the older version. Photos and comments also load faster. Users can now "like" comments on photos, which wasn't possible with the previous mobile app.

A screenshot from Facebook shows its new mobile app, which launched Thursday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mick Johnson, mobile product manager at Facebook, said programmers removed some lesser-used features, such as a way to view the app horizontally, to help speed it up.

The mobile arena presents Facebook with its biggest challenge — and its biggest opportunity. At the end of June, Facebook had 543 million users who accessed it with a phone or tablet computer, up 67 per cent from 325 million a year earlier.

But while Facebook ads are well-established on its website, the company only recently started experimenting with mobile advertisements. That's been a concern for investors, who've sent Facebook's stock down by nearly half since the company's initial public offering three months ago.

The app is available for free from Apple's App Store.

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Google Street View points North

Prime Minister Stephen Harper talks with Google Street View team member Mike Pegg in Cambridge Bay, Nunavut, on Thursday. As Harper's northern tour touched down in Nunavut, a team from the search-engine giant was already on the ground. They're working with residents of Cambridge Bay to add elements of their community to Google maps while also fixing past mistakes. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Research in Motion

Carriers get look at new BlackBerry

Some wireless carriers finally got a glimpse of the new BlackBerry smartphones this week, as part of Research In Motion's global effort to drum up enthusiasm for the devices. RIM executives met with carriers in North America to unveil early versions of the new BlackBerrys. RIM hopes the meetings will lead to firm commitments from the providers as it promotes the new product over the coming months.

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Market Minute

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ONE QUESTION: ARE WE MAKING STRIP BILLIARDS AN OLYMPIC SPORT?

THE LIST
Paul Sullivan
Metro

It's time for the Metro List, our weekly guide to what's making waves around the water cooler.

1 **Dirty Harry.** Harry keeps the flame burning with a new sport that, for some reason, wasn't included in the London Games: Strip billiards. There's the good Prince William and then there's the bad Prince Harry. Hands up, who do you prefer?

2 **Dirty bedside read.** In other naughty U.K. news, a hotel in the Lake District replaced the Good Book with the Very Bad Book — 50 Shades of Grey — in its bedside tables. The hotel manager was denounced from local pulpits, but refused to back down. "The Gideon Bible is full of references to sex and violence, although it's written using more formal language, so James' book is easier to read," he said. That's E.L. James, not King James.

3 **Chavril? AvChad?** Chad Kroeger of Nickelback is engaged to Avril Lavigne of Sk8er Boi. Stands with the other great romances of the recent era: Michael Jackson and Lisa Marie Presley; Nicholas Cage and Lisa Marie Presley. We can only assume Chad has yet to meet Lisa Marie Presley.

4 **Pussy Riot.** OK, this is a family newspaper. Of course these brazen young women should get two years hard time for singing a song in church while wearing funny outfits. Their very name is an assault on the ears of innocents like Vladimir Putin.

5 **Speaking of assault.** Some advice to Missouri Senate candidate Todd Akin: Dr. Oz is the only guy on Earth who gets to talk about the female reproductive system on TV, and that's only because he's been blessed by Oprah. And never, ever use the words "legitimate" and "rape" in the same time zone, never mind next to each other in the same sentence.

6 **National park.** Let's change the subject. We have a new national park, our 44th. Up north somewhere, it's called Nááts'ihch'oh National Park Reserve, causing the editors at Canadian Press Caps and Spelling to apply for stress leave. Environmentalists are complaining that it's too small, only 4,840 square kilometres, which is about three times the size of Yoho but two-thirds the size of Banff. Just go to Yellowknife, then turn left, go another 680 kilometres and you're there. Lots of grizzly bears, but no golf course. Yet.

7 **Speaking of up north somewhere.** The Google Street View tricycle is tooling around Cambridge Bay, population 1,477, way up there in Nunavut, a mere 1,770 kilometres from the North Pole as the Snowy Owl flies. Google is now officially everywhere.

8 **The cult of Jack Layton.** It's been a year since the untimely death of the former NDP leader, but his legend grows, as vigils across the land mourn his loss and celebrate the memory of the man who failed to get elected prime minister four times in a row. Eat your heart out, Stephen Harper.

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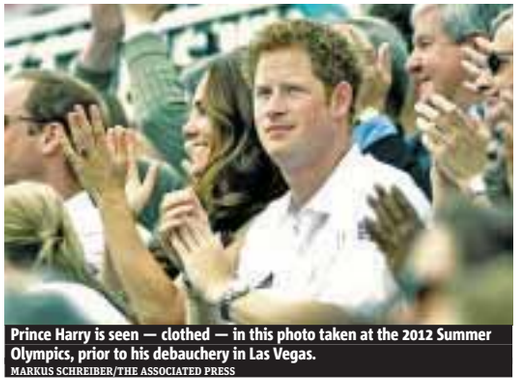

Prince Harry is seen — clothed — in this photo taken at the 2012 Summer Olympics, prior to his debauchery in Las Vegas.
MARKUS SCHREIBER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Come on, baby, light my kitchen

JANNE PARVIAINEN/REX FEATURES

Light topography

Cooking up a lightstorm

This stunning image captures a kitchen like no other, illuminated using a novel technique known as light topography.

To achieve the science-fiction effect, Finnish artist Janne Parvianen traces surfaces with LED lights and exposes the shots for 30 minutes. There is no Photoshop or image editing.

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Meet the artist

"Art is the key to your emotions."

Janne Parvianen, artist and teacher

Despite the futuristic visuals, this old-fashioned message is how Parvianen describes his philosophy.

Q&A with Parvianen

- **What is most difficult about this technique?** It is quite challenging to draw into three dimensional space, so it takes a lot of planning and training. It is usually through trial and error that I find the right positions and the figures for the final photo.
- **What emotions do the images inspire?** I'm trying to put as much soul in my photos as possible. My main interest has always been human emotions and trying to express them through art. I really like to use strong visual elements in my photos such as skeletons and people laying on the ground to create images that make you wonder what is really happening in them. A skeleton can be happy or sad, it doesn't always have to be seen as a grim image.

Metropolitan Panel

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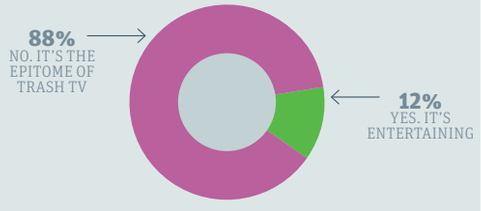
Are you tuning in to Toddlers and Tiaras' spin-off TV show Honey Boo Boo?



Twitter

@Feztickle75: I've never been into witchcraft or whatever, but I am serious now: This new house NEEDS an exorcist for all the lingering #BadMojo Help #yqr

@jsdudar: #YQR, I need some #pickled #turnip and I am downtown and I have no car and I don't think there is a #mid-east #grocer in the area. #wtfRegina

@Crel: A friend of mine is missing his dog this morning. Keep an eye out for this dog ~13lbs last seen 300blk Forget st #YQR

@EatwellNut: #yqr #yxe What is with all the lizards on the highways in Southern Saskatchewan??? Anyone with biology expertise?

@lindseybast: 20 mins to drive to airport, drop bag, go through security and end up in Tim Horton's line up. I love #yqr

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Joseph Gordon-Levitt is the most extreme bike courier in Manhattan in Premium Rush. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD CROUSE AND MARK BRESLIN

Rush is the only thing premium in this film

Fun ride. Joseph Gordon-Levitt-led thriller is full of style and action, but lacks any kind of substance

Richard: Mark, Premium Rush is like a BMX race with a plotline. Bikes dart in and out of traffic, defy the laws of gravity and spin on one wheel, which is all cool, except that it overshadows the characters. Only Michael Shannon as the out-of-control cop is memorable enough to rise above the bike stunts and skinned elbows.

Mark: In the interests of full disclosure Richard, I cannot ride a bike. In fact, they scare me. So I was unusually riveted by the action sequences in this film. Which definitely eclipsed the characters! I don't know how I felt about Michael Shannon. He had a presence for sure, but he was also kind of cartoonish which stopped me from taking the movie seriously as a thriller.

RC: I don't think it is meant to be taken seriously as a thriller. Any cop who would say, "I forgot to bring my bullets. I'll meet you there," to his cop buddies isn't trying to be Detective Sergeant Joe Friday. He's a wild, bug-eyed caricature of a man on the edge and the second most entertaining thing in the flick (next to the bikes). What did you think of Gordon-Levitt?

MB: Not an actors' movie but he can clearly carry off a leading man role. What I really liked about the movie was its style. The maps, time code, miniatures of Manhattan, and the fractured time narrative all kept me engaged with the limited storyline. Gordon-Levitt's character is called Wiley, as in Wile. E. Coyote, and the movie does have a Roadrunner simplicity. I thought all the gimmicks and stylistic quirks opened it up nicely.

RC: In the beginning I feared that the GPS maps that pop up from time to time might be too much style over substance, and in a way I was right. There isn't much substance here, but it is a fun ride.

MB: What I really didn't buy was the pointless love triangle among the bike couriers, which was a waste of celluloid. But when you say "fun ride" Richard I think you've nailed the picture.

Synopsis

Of all the bicycle courier misfits who patrol the streets of Manhattan, Wylie (Joseph Gordon-Levitt) is the most extreme. Stripped of gears and brakes, his bike is a missile charging through the streets of New York, delivering "that thing to that place, fast." A routine pick-up and drop-off turns dangerous when a crooked cop (Michael Shannon) decides he needs what Wylie is carrying more than its intended recipient.

- **Richard:** ●●○○○
- **Mark:** ●●●○○

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On the web

Recording Academy launches campaign to get liner notes behind songs on digital music outlets.

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Lawless opens next Wednesday. HANDOUT

Sixties soundtrack goes down well with prohibition trader tale

Lawless. Musician and screenwriter Nick Cave uses the 'boxy' sounds of The Velvet Underground to set the tone in latest film

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News in Hollywood

While his main vocation is still music, Nick Cave admits he's more than happy to write a screenplay whenever director John Hillcoat asks him to. The latest request from Hillcoat? Adapting Matt Bondurant's book the Wettest County in the World, about Bondurant's grandfather and great-uncles running a thriving moonshining operation during Prohibition. Cave also got to take a crack at the music for the film — as he's often done for Hillcoat, most recently for 2009's the Road. For Lawless, he found some unusual inspiration in the Velvet Underground.

How did you feel about changing the title from the Wettest County in the World to Lawless?

Matt's title — this is what I'm told — didn't translate into other countries. Look, I didn't have anything to do with that. It was a decision that was made closer to when it came out. There's been various reasons why. Foreign territories couldn't translate it effectively, so the film would then have a bunch of different names, and that was not good for the film. I've heard that it sounded like a porn film, the Wettest County. But at the end of the day, I think probably the Wettest County in the World was just too lyrical to drag in the youth market. I would say it was simply a marketing thing.

Where did the idea come from to include period versions of more modern songs, like with the Velvet Underground?

I'm not really sure. Initially we were looking at songs of the time, obviously. But I just personally felt that had been done a lot and had been done really well, like O Brother Where Are Thou. I didn't want to be chasing that kind of thing. So the time started to shift a little bit — maybe we take some from a little later. And then, f— it, let's take something from way over there and see what that's like, and then kind of replay it in a sort of attempt to capture that kind of spirit of that time. But you know, something like White Light, White Heat already sounds very much fitted to the time anyway on some level — there's a sort of boxiness to the way it's recorded. I think that was the first one, and once we had that we went, "OK, that's what we're doing."

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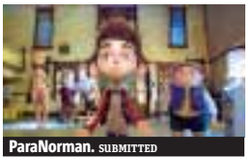

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Hope Springs (PG) Fri 2-4:45-7:30-10 Sat 11:20-2-4:45-7:30-10 Sun 2-4:45-7:30-10 Mon-Tue 2-4:45-7:25-10 Wed-Thu 1:55-4:40-7:25-10
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Lawless (14A) Wed-Thu 2-4:45-7:35-10:15
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Action/Comedy

Hit & Run

Director. David Palmer, Dax Shepard

Stars. Dax Shepard, Kristen Bell, Bradley Cooper

Dax Shepard stars as an ex-getaway driver who leaves behind the safety of witness protection to accompany his girlfriend (Kristen Bell) on a job interview to Los Angeles. Unfortunately as he hits the road so does his former partner in crime (Bradley Cooper). Shepard and Bell are a couple in real-life and the chemistry between them shows. When it's just the two of them on screen Hit and Run has the makings of a fun romantic action adventure. Unfortunately the movie is also populated by peripheral characters with the combined charm of a slap (stick) to the face.
RICHARD CROUSE

Drama

Edwin Boyd: Citizen Gangster

Director. Nathan Morlando

Stars. Scott Speedman, Kelly Reilly, Kevin Durand

This bank-heist movie does a good job of showing how Boyd went from respectable veteran/bus driver/son of a cop to a fixture on the Canadian most-wanted lists. It's not the romp Public Enemy was, but rather a more contemplative film about the reasons why Boyd (nicely played by Scott Speedman) robbed banks rather than about the robberies themselves.
RICHARD CROUSE

Comedy/Drama

A Beginner's Guide to Endings

Director. Jonathan Sobol

Stars. Harvey Keitel, Scott Caan

If A Beginner's Guide to Endings didn't feel so contrived from its fabricated foundation, it might have been a cool film. A comic look at three distinct brothers who struggle with imminent mortality alongside their no-good gambling dad (Harvey Keitel), the trio attempt their own bucket lists with slightly predictable results. Jonathan Sobol definitely has some set skills, but the accomplished cast seems to enjoy the material more than the audience.
STEVE GOW

Hosts of the HGTV series Live Here, Buy This. HANDOUT

Ever wonder what life could be like elsewhere?

TV. Travel-hungry Canucks explore international house swaps in Live Here, Buy This

Anyone who's ever dreamt of pulling up stakes and moving halfway across the globe should be able to relate to the wannabe expats in the new HGTV series Live Here, Buy This.

These travel-hungry Canucks have grand ideas of making their favourite vacation getaway their family's permanent home-sweet-home and why wouldn't they? Most of the fantasy digs just happen to be in sunny, tropical paradises or culture-rich, centuries-old hamlets.

Of course, actually pursuing such a dream is another matter entirely. And so this show takes a closer look at what a Canadian homeowner could get if they sold their home and bought a comparably priced abode elsewhere.

"The show is really about presenting options to the homeowners," says Dave Lapsley, one of three Canadian-based hosts who criss-cross the globe to profile far-flung properties.

"Some (foreign) homes, simple homes, were similar to what the homeowners have here ... and then there were other ones (that) were like small castles in Italy or huts right on the beach. There was a treehouse home in Costa Rica. The array of homes was vast."

Each episode of Live Here, Buy This profiles a Canadian family musing on what life could be like elsewhere. They pick three dream locations and are presented with two homes in each locale considered equal in value to their current place.

Needless to say, where you could end up and the features you get vary widely depending on where you start and where you want to be.

There seemed to be a lot of bang for your buck in rural Italy. Trading a modest $140,000 cottage in Barrie, Ont., can apparently get one family a slightly larger stone country home surrounded by olive groves.

But searching for a pad in Croatia proves surprisingly difficult for a Toronto family of four with a $575,000 budget. Their wish list gets them an 84 square metre (900 sq. ft.), two-bedroom apartment in the heart of the charming coastal town of Rovinj.

No one actually moves at the end of each episode — this is merely a glimpse at the possibilities for adventurous globe-trotters, says series producer Danielle Kiraly.

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Quote

"When you go on vacation and you have the greatest time of your life, you go, 'Oh my God, wouldn't it be great if we could live here?' This is just taking that fantasy one step further."

Producer Danielle Kiraly

BBC America 'really confident' in new drama series Copper

Television. Featuring Canadian actor Kyle Schmid, the period piece takes viewers to famed Five Points neighbourhood of New York

IAN GORMELY
For Metro

Something they don't tell Canadian actors who move down South is that despite living in Los Angeles, you'll be spending a lot of time North of the border.

Originally from Mississauga, Ont., Kyle Schmid has lived in the Golden State for the last eight years, but his work has landed him significant stints in Vancouver, Montreal — where he worked on the North American version of Being Human — and now Toronto, home base of production for Copper, which premiers this Sunday on Showcase.

"It's the show I'm most proud of," he says. "I can share it with my family and friends and have them come on set and share the same energy I feel."

Created by Oz and St. Elsewhere writer Tom Fontana and executive produced by Diner director Barry Levinson, the series is the first foray into scripted drama for BBC America, where it airs in the States. There is no precedent at the network, Schmid says.

"But BBC is really confident with the show. You do get that feeling on set."

Set in the famed Five Points region of New York in the aftermath of the civil war, the program follows Irish police officer Kevin Corcoran whose wife and child have disappeared.

"I love period pieces because of the history and the wardrobe and the characters and the change in the moral and ethic values," he says. "It's rare (in TV) that you get to do something gritty and grimy."

Kyle Schmid as Robert Morehouse in Copper, premiering this Sunday at 9 p.m. ET on Showcase. HANDOUT

Quote

"It's rare (in TV) that you get to do something gritty and grimy."

Actor Kyle Schmid

Schmid originally auditioned to play Corcoran, but the part eventually went to Tom Weston-Jones. He was brought back to read for the part of Corcoran's friend, Robert Morehouse, the son of a wealthy industrialist.

After several readings he found himself rehearsing with other actors.

"I'm in the room and I think I'm testing for this part. The BBC producers are in there," Schmid recalls. He asked if there was anything they needed him to do.

"They said, 'No, no, no. You got the part. Nobody told you?'"

Schmid describes Morehouse as a character in flux.

"It was an era of opportunity," he says, "And Morehouse has money, power, women booze and drugs to exploit. With that comes a very layered character."

It's a dream role for Schmid, who loves playing complex parts, but has yet to hit a point in his career where he has the luxury of picking and choosing parts.

"The layers in the personality, the cracks in their walls — human qualities that make people and situations interesting are always the best characters to play."

TV pix

America's Next Top Model's Tyra Banks. GETTY IMAGES

New faces on Top Model

America's Next Top Model gets a facelift with Friday's season 19 (yes, 19!) debut. The first big change is seen in the new personalities: former boxer and male supermodel Rob Evans, fashion blogger Bryanboy, famed stylist Johnny Wujek, and dancer and choreographer Jonte.

They replace former longtime series stars Nigel Barker, J. Alexander and Toronto-raised Jay Manuel. This season also features the show's first-ever College Edition. (CW).

Investigative journalism

Going from the inane to the intellectual, we find new episodes of investigative journalism series 20/20 (ABC, CHCH) and Dateline NBC (NBC, CTV Two) air ing Friday. There's also an encore airing of the CBC Marketplace episode Super bug in the Supermarket, in which journalists test 100 samples of chicken from across Canada for harmful germs.

Learn about the World's greatest Rock 'n' Roll band

The Rolling Stones may have turned down the opportunity to perform at the recent Olympics closing ceremony, as the Guardian newspaper recently reported, but you can catch them Saturday on a biography about the group. The Rolling Stones: Truth and Lies also features interviews with critics and fans. (AUX TV).

Films of all genres

The popcorn maker will be in overdrive Saturday with several choice film offerings. Among them is Super Size Me, in which maverick filmmaker Morgan Spurlock eats only McDonald's food for 30 days (CBC NN).

For action, click to the Steven Spielberg/Tom Cruise double bill of War of the Worlds and Minority Report (Action). In the comedy vein, there's Princess Bride (BITE TV). And for drama, head to The Girl Who Played With Fire (Bravo).

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METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

Angelina Jolie

Like mother like daughter

It looks like Angelina Jolie is OK with her kids getting in on the act, as one of her children — 4-year-old daughter Vivienne — will get some screen time with mom. "Angelina Jolie's daughter Vivienne will play a minor role as the child version of Princess Aurora opposite her mother in Maleficent," a statement from Walt Disney Studios confirms. Elle Fanning will play the older version of the princess, better known as Sleeping Beauty.

Twitter

@MissKellyO
had to leave the pool because the old pervert was there today he told me he likes watching me sunbathe because i remind him of Betty Grable

@BRUCKHEIMERJB
It is extremely hot out here in Santa Fe. Although really hoping for no rain... apparently we're in a flash flood area...

@charliesheen
Thank you Twitter... Thank you Cadre! Got my 7.7M followers back..!! well.... that took a week... WINNING!!

@ZooeyDescanel
Do pretty women still sit on their couches and eat Bon Bons or was that just an '80s thing?

Prince Harry

Prince in hot water at home over photo scandal

In the wake of his nude Las Vegas photo scandal, Prince Harry has been summoned home, heading to Balmoral Castle in Scotland to get a talking-to from Queen Elizabeth and Prince Phillip as well as his dad, Prince Charles, according to Us Weekly.

A source tells the magazine that the royal bachelor — and third in line for the British crown — will "have to face up to family" for the outrageous behaviour. And his personal security will have to answer some questions as well — like how the photos could have been taken, let alone leaked. But Harry's guards needn't be too worried. "Of course questions will be asked, and matters raised, but no one's job is on the line," the source says. "As protection officers, their job is to intervene when his life is at risk, not to protect his image."

Gold medal challenge

The London games may be over, but Prince Harry isn't letting Team USA get away with the swimming gold that easily. The royal challenged Ryan Lochte during the American swimming champion's 28th birthday party Monday at a Las Vegas pool. Las Vegas Sun columnist Robin Leach reports the prince stripped down to his jeans and gestured for others to clear the way for the contest at the XS nightclub pool at the Wynn resort. As predicted, the 11-time Olympic medallist won.

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Conflicting reports on Brit's cold feet

Contrary to reports that Britney Spears might be getting cold feet, the singer is still very much planning to marry fiancé Jason Trawick, according to People magazine. "There's no truth to any second thoughts about their wedding," a source says. Those rumours began cropping up when Spears was spotted recently without the engagement ring she received from Trawick after his proposal last December. But the absence was work-related, the source explains: "She was not wearing her ring last week because she took it off during an Elizabeth Arden (photo) shoot and Jason was holding it for her. He simply forgot to give it back until later."

The Word

Tax lessons with Beanie Sigel

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On September 12, Beanie Sigel is due to report to prison for a two-year stay for tax evasion.

But although the Philly rapper pleaded guilty to failing to pay around $350,000 on unreported income, he's not going quietly.

In fact, Sigel has a perfectly good explanation for not filing between 2003-2005: "The years that they charged me for failure to file taxes is years that I was incarcerated," he tells MTV of his stint for weapons and drug charges. "When you're incarcerated in a federal facility, you're not allowed to conduct any business at all."

That's a little like being late for work because your bartender was moving slow.

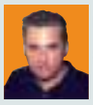
But sure — we've been there. The thing is, Sigel doesn't really intend to pay up no matter where he's living.

"You shouldn't be able to tax income," he says. "If I fix your roof and you wanna pay me in 20 pounds of bananas, do you think Uncle Sam wants 45 per cent of my bananas? But because you're paying me $400,000 in currency he wants a part of that."

Beanie, whenever you make it out of prison, we fear you and your nonlogic have a career in politics.

Liquid Assets

Washing down the dog



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Can I be frank? When it comes to comfort food, I love a good wiener. It doesn't have to be all fancy pants with crazy toppings and snazzy dogs between my buns. I'm cool with a splash of mustard over something prepackaged.

I'm definitely in the minority. Hot dog aficionados are making the common into an explosion of sophisticated flavours by turning their dogs into delicacies.

Funky toppings and theme-oriented creations are turning the lowly supermarket sausage into the star of a gourmet revolution worthy of its own show on The Food Network.

Question is: What do you drink with that? With such a wide variety of interpretations you need to reach for something light, clean and refreshing; or in a word: beer.

A good brew, especially a lager style, is a food affinity equalizer when things get spicy, sharp or crazy eclectic.

After years of being an exclusively USA offering, Rolling Rock Extra Pale Lager (473 ml,

$2.35 - $3.29) has finally arrived in Canada. With good weight, a tight flavour profile and a linger bitterness, it's a perfect companion to a dolled-up dog.

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Around the world in four hot dogs

Creative Hot Dogs. Transform the summer favourite with internationally inspired flavours

Plenty of people surely will disagree, but underdressed hot dogs simply don't seem worth the calories.

A well-dressed dog — that is a hot dog accompanied by robust and inspired toppings — can transform this classic summer food into so much more.

As such, hot dogs should be on the overflowing and messy side. That's why they are summer food, so you can eat them outside.

But just because they are overflowing and messy doesn't mean they shouldn't have a plan. Draw inspiration from other dishes when planning the toppings for a hot dog. Here are some suggestions. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

The Greek Dog

Inspired by the gobs of feta cheese and spinach that are layered into classic spanakopita, this hot dog has big, robust flavours.

Thaw 1 cup of loose-packed frozen shredded spinach; squeeze it over the sink to remove water. In large skillet over medium-high, heat splash of olive oil. Sauté spinach, diced medium onion and 2 minced cloves of garlic. When onion is tender, season with salt, pepper and dill seed. Grill 4 hot dogs and toast 4 hot dog buns over medium heat. Spoon some spinach mix into each bun, then place a hot dog over it. Top with crumbled feta cheese and a bit of tzatziki.

The Pizza Dog

The only way to make meat-wrapped meat better is to add melted mozzarella cheese.

Using 2 slices of prosciutto per hot dog, wrap 4 hot dogs tightly in prosciutto. Grill the hot dogs over low heat, turning regularly, until the prosciutto is crisp and lightly browned, about 8 minutes. Meanwhile, fill 4 hot dog buns with bocconcini (small balls of fresh mozzarella). Toast the buns on the grill (bun opening facing up) until the cheese is warm and starting to melt. Place a hot dog in each bun, then top with oil-packed chopped sun-dried tomatoes and chopped fresh basil.

The Taco Dog

Soft and crunchy and spicy and creamy — exactly the way a taco should be.

Spoon refried beans into 4 hot dog buns. Lightly crumble about 12 tortilla chips, then sprinkle some over the refried beans in each bun. Grill 4 hot dogs over low heat. Toast the prepared buns (bun openings facing up) until the beans are heated. Place a hot dog in each bun, then top with sliced jalapeno peppers, tomato salsa, sliced black olives and shredded cheddar cheese.

The Curry Dog

One part Indian curry, one part North American dog, this frankfurter isn't afraid of big, bold flavours. There's not a whole lot of work involved in this hot dog, but the potato roll is key.

Drizzle bit of canola oil over 4 hot dogs, rolling to coat evenly. Sprinkle hot dogs evenly with curry powder. Grill hot dogs, as well as 4 small slabs of paneer, over medium heat. Grill cheese for 3 minutes, flipping once, or until nicely browned on both sides. Toast 4 potato hot dog buns on both sides. Finely chop grilled paneer and fill each toasted bun with some. Place hot dog over cheese, then spoon mango chutney over the top. Garnish with chopped fresh cilantro.

On the Web

Emotions run high when failing eateries are revamped in Restaurant: Impossible

Sanjuana's Pozole (rich corn and pork soup) is one of the dishes that will be spotlighted on Chuck's Week Off. THE CANADIAN PRESS/ FOOD NETWORK CANADA

Spotlighting a 'different Mexico'

Television. Chef Chuck Hughes hopes to show a lesser-known side of the country and its cuisine with new series

Montreal star chef Chuck Hughes says he hopes to open Canadian eyes to "a different Mexico" with his new television series.

Chuck's Week Off, debuting Aug. 28 on Food Network Canada, saw him venturing on and off the beaten path for two months in Mexico, trying everything from hiking to diving to lassoing with locals.

Of course, he also helped make authentic Mexican meals along the way, including home-made ranchero cheese, beef jerky, chocolate clams, and head tacos (complete with eyes, brain, tongue and cheek).

Beyond the ordinary

"Everybody knows pico de gallo and tacos — well, there's so much more."

Chef Chuck Hughes of new series Chuck's Day Off on his experience with Mexican food during the two months he spent in the country filming

Hughes says despite recent headlines surrounding violent attacks on Canadians in Mexico, and a travel warning from Ottawa urging Canucks to exercise "extreme caution" in certain areas, he never felt unsafe during his stay last summer.

"There's probably 5,000 people that give a country of 120 million a bad rap," he said. "I travelled for two months everywhere. I literally went everywhere, not once did I feel threatened, not once did I feel scared. People were more scared of me, if anything. They were like, 'Who is that tall white guy with all the tattoos?'"

Hughes was particularly taken with Mexico City, where he stayed in the French-influenced Condesa district.

"I feel like it's a place where almost, I belong. I felt like I was home," said Hughes, 35. "I love the whole country, it was amazing, but Mexico City in particular was just really eye-opening."

The eight-part series is the first spinoff of Hughes' Gemini-Award-nominated Chuck's Day Off, which is broadcast in 30 countries.

The co-owner and chef of Montreal hot-spots Garde Manger and Le Bremner chose Mexico for the spinoff because he knows how to speak a little bit of Spanish and wanted to explore its terrain and cuisine.

"Everybody knows pico de gallo and tacos — well there's so much more," he said by phone. "Being from Quebec, my whole life I grew up on pork, corn, potatoes, and when I look at Mexico it's the same kind of deal, only they have hot peppers and they use the corn in a different fashion. But basically our staples are the same."

Watching Mexican locals cook with old-school methods — using local, in-season ingredients and minimizing waste — in remote areas with few resources taught Hughes a few techniques. It also made him realize how lucky he is to have everything at his disposal at his kitchens in Canada.

"I think that's probably what I take back the most from my whole experience. Not necessarily any specific recipe but more of a philosophy and a way of treating the ingredients, looking at the ingredients and respecting the food," said Hughes.

"My life revolves around it and I've always respected food a lot, but in terms of professional cooking, we're very, very lucky that we have water whenever we want and it's used in every stage."

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In Chuck's Week Off, the chef ventures on and off the beaten path in Mexico to discover the country and its cuisine. HANDOUT

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Mixed martial arts

UFC cancels September event

UFC 151 has been cancelled after light heavyweight contender Dan Henderson was sidelined with a knee injury and champion Jon Jones declined a replacement fight with Chael Sonnen.

UFC president Dana White is furious with Jones and his trainer, Greg Jackson, for turning down the replacement bout.

White says Jones is the first UFC champion ever to turn down a match.

Jones has agreed to fight former champion Lyoto Machida on Sept. 22 in Toronto. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Basketball

Triano gets another chance to coach national team

Jay Triano is returning to the helm of the Canadian men's basketball team.

Triano was the team's head coach from 1998 to 2004, leading the team to the 2000 Sydney Olympics.

Steve Nash, GM of the Canadian team, says Triano is a "confirmed and respected leader" in the basketball community.

Triano, 53, was the first Canadian-born and Canadian-trained coach in the NBA when he joined the Toronto Raptors in 2002 as an assistant. THE CANADIAN PRESS

CFL

"He's been nothing but great since he's been with us."

Toronto Argonauts GM Jim Barker on new offensive tackle Tony Washington. On May 9, 2003, Washington pleaded guilty to prohibitive sexual conduct with his sister, Caylen. At the time, he was 16. She was 15. He remains a registered sex offender in the U.S.

NHL players, from left, Brian Elliott of the St. Louis Blues, Kevin Westgarth of the L.A. Kings and Mike Weaver of the Florida Panthers leave the NHPLA offices Thursday following talks with the NHL in Toronto. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Outlook grim for NHL with lockout looming

Negotiations. League and union no nearer a resolution as Sept. 15 deadline draws near

Another NHL lockout is beginning to feel like an inevitability.

Unable to move beyond the philosophical stage of talks, the owners and players have watched another week slip by without progress. They sat down together for a quick session Thursday morning before reporting the same significant gap that has existed all along.

The main issue that divides them is far from complex.

"We believe we're paying out more than we should be," said commissioner Gary Bettman. "It's as simple as that."

Of course, the NHL Players' Association doesn't quite see it that way.

Executive director Donald Fehr has acknowledged there's room for some flexibility in that area — last week's proposal included three years with a slightly lower share in revenues for the players — but he hasn't come to the table in a conciliatory mood after taking over a union that capitulated during the last round of negotiations.

Not much progress

With both sides so entrenched, real negotiations have yet to begin even though the Sept. 15 deadline for a lockout is fast approaching.

"Everybody understands that employers would always like to pay less," said Fehr. "That's not a surprise to anybody — it's disappointing sometimes — but it's not a surprise."

The parties attempted to make some progress Wednesday by clearing the meeting room of everyone but the key figures: Bettman and deputy commissioner Bill Daly along with Fehr and his brother Steve Fehr, the union's No. 2 man.

They soon discovered there was little common ground.

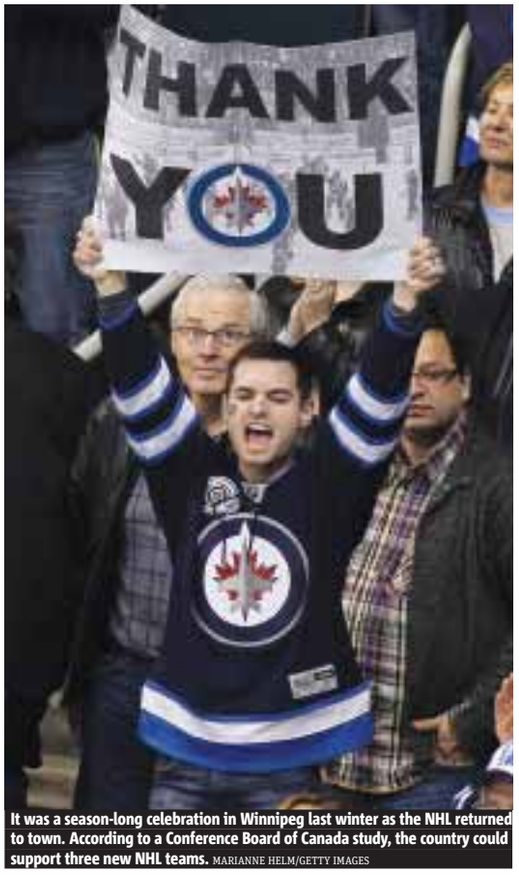
Those same four men will reopen talks next Tuesday in New York during what promises to be a key negotiation session. THE CANADIAN PRESS

4 SPORTS

Mobile sports

Oakland's Brandon McCarthy says he's confident he's clean whenever the call comes for a random Major League Baseball drug test. But the Athletics' right-hander admits the nerves do sometimes creep in, especially after his teammate, Bartolo Colon, received a 50-game ban earlier this week. Scan the code for the story.

New report says pro teams could start flocking north



It was a season-long celebration in Winnipeg last winter as the NHL returned to town. According to a Conference Board of Canada study, the country could support three new NHL teams. MARIANNE HELM/GETTY IMAGES

Study. Conference Board makes case for significant expansion into Canada in future

Canada appears ripe for major league sports expansion over the next two decades, says a new report from the Conference Board of Canada.

Economic and demographic trends suggest the country could support three new NHL teams, the return of Major League Baseball to Montreal and the NBA to Vancouver, and as many as three, new Major League Soccer teams.

The study, released Thursday, also suggests that by the year 2035, another seven cities could support CFL franchises.

"The professional sports scene in Canada will continue to expand over the next 25 years," write Glen Hodgson and Mario Lefebvre.

"The conditions for growth are right — the Canadian dollar will likely remain strong and the taxation gap with the U.S. is expected to continue to narrow. This will allow existing franchises to prosper and offer a better chance for new franchises to succeed."

The study looked at population growth trends in specific markets, the effects of an aging population, the strength of the Canadian dollar, the movement of corporate head offices, and income growth to predict which cities will be able to support big-league sports.

The study found that all Canada's existing major league sports teams are on a sound market footing, and suggests that Toronto could support a second NHL team, along with Quebec City and Hamilton — bringing the Canadian total to 10.

Quebec City is set to begin construction of an NHL-sized arena, while various Hamilton proposals have been jilted by the NHL over the last 15 years.

The report suggests that while Toronto could support a rival team to the Maple Leafs, the front-end cost of the new franchise could approach $1 billion, including franchise rights, a new rink and paying off the territorial exemption. Moreover, with Bell and Rogers now owning the Leafs, muscling into the Toronto media market would require any new team to find an accommodation with the media giants.

Predicting the future of sports development is problematic, but certain economic pillars can be established that allow projections for current sports trends.

The report notes that mixed martial arts didn't exist a quarter century ago and soccer was barely on North America's radar, while boxing and horse racing were big mainstream draws.

"In short, the future is bright for pro sports in Canada," the report concludes.

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The more the merrier

Montreal lost its Expos in 2004 but the authors say the city "already possesses the basic market conditions required to support a MLB franchise and will strengthen its position over our forecast horizon."

- Vancouver, which saw its NBA Grizzlies relocate to Memphis, Tenn., in 2001, could also support another pro basketball team one day, says the report.
- As for the CFL, new franchises could stretch from Moncton and Halifax to Saskatoon, based on population and market trends.
- The wild card, say the authors, is the potential for an NFL team in Toronto, which would have "direct ramifications for the CFL's Argonauts and for the entire CFL" — not to mention impacting any proposed second NHL team for the city.

Cycling

'Enough is enough': Armstrong decides not to fight charges from USADA

Lance Armstrong said Thursday night he is finished fighting a barrage of drug charges from the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, putting his unprecedented string of seven Tour de France titles at risk along with his legacy as one of the greatest cyclists in history.

The decision sets up a likely lifetime ban from the sport and the possibility that Armstrong will be stripped of his signature achievement — the extraordinary run of Tour titles he won from 1999-2005.

Armstrong, who retired last year, declined to enter arbitration — his last option — because he said he was weary of fighting accusations that have dogged him for years. He has consistently pointed to the hundreds of drug tests that he has passed as proof of his innocence.

"There comes a point in every man's life when he has to say, 'Enough is enough.' For me, that time is now," Armstrong said in a statement sent to The Associated Press.

Lance Armstrong. GETTY IMAGES FILE

Defence key to B.C.'s supremacy

More than offence fuelling defending champs' league-best record; Still time for Roughriders to rise up; Eskimos attack has to start picking up slack

Photos by The Canadian Press

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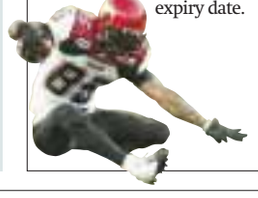
1 B.C. Lions

The Lions' smothering defence has looked unbeatable in recent weeks and hasn't allowed a touchdown in 13 quarters while the team has surrendered less than 10 points in three straight games. It is the key reason they are first in the CFL with a 5-2 record, even though the offence seems to attract most of the accolades.

2 Toronto Argonauts

The signing this week of receiver Ken-Yon Rambo says all you need to know about the Argos offensive punch. Despite having Ricky Ray at QB, Toronto is looking for offensive inspiration from the 32-year-old former Stampeder who was sensational in his time in Calgary but is well past his expiry date.

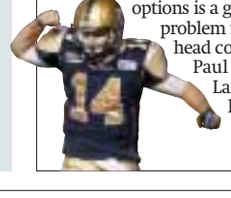


3 Calgary Stampeders

At 3-4, Calgary plays its most important game of the season Saturday in Regina against the 3-4 Roughriders, currently experiencing a four-game slide. A Stamps win would claim the season series, (including a 41-38 win in July), which could decide a playoff spot come November.

4 Winnipeg Blue Bombers

A few weeks back we argued Buck Pierce should ride the pine once he returns to health, and leave Alex Brink in charge of the offence. Well, the same scenario applies for backup Joey Elliott should he continue his hot streak. Having too many QB options is a good problem for head coach Paul LaPolice.



5 Saskatchewan Roughriders

Fans have reason to demand change after the Riders' worst offensive showing of the season last week in Vancouver when they failed to find the endzone. But the Roughies' brass needs to be wary of rash decisions based on fan outrage (Fire Corey Chamblin! Bench Darian Durant!). Another hot streak still gives the Riders a chance to finish first in the West.

6 Edmonton Eskimos

The Eskimos' defence deserves most of the credit for the team's surprisingly strong showing. But when QB Steven Jyles and the Esks' O can't move the ball, the strain begins to show on the defenders.

Horoscopes

♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
Be honest with yourself about your financial situation. The only way to resolve a problem is to identify exactly what that problem is, so stop pretending everything is fine and get to grips with reality. You'll do OK.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Don't look for the usual explanations today. Look for explanations that seem most outrageous, because those are the ones most likely to be true. You need to learn to think in more creative ways.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
The Sun's link to Neptune will confront you with situations, both at home and at work, that demand a more flexible response. Approach the same old problems in the same old ways — and you'll get the same old results.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
Don't waste time trying to make sense of what is going on in the world because most likely it will make no sense. The good news is you are one of the lucky few who will benefit from the upheavals.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
The more others tell you to follow the herd and do what everyone else is doing, the more you should do the opposite! The herd always ends up in the slaughter-house, so break free and be the one who survives.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You have got to be active if you want to succeed. For best results today get out into the world and meet as many new people as you can. Luck is most likely to come when you are on the move.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
The rules of the game are for other people. Why? Because you are playing a different game entirely. Do as you please and come and go as you see fit. To put it bluntly: Who is going to stop you?

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Do something out of the ordinary today. If others are shocked by your behaviour, that's both a bad sign and a good sign: bad in that it confirms you've become too predictable; good in that you know you must change.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Focus on your work today and believe that you can turn your dreams into realities. Whatever career path you have been following to date you must be more adventurous over the coming few weeks. What have you got to lose?

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Capricorn may be traditional by nature but you know when it is right to disrupt the status quo and that's now. Chaos is not always a bad thing. Out of disruption will come a more positive way of life.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You can afford to take a few risks today. No matter how close you sail to the edge, the planets suggest you won't fall over. Even if, somehow, you do, you'll have a soft landing.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
What you need to realize today is that when you go to one extreme, you encourage those who disagree with you to go to the opposite extreme. Is that what you want? If not, be moderate in what you say and do. SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: A Team Member, a Party, a Group, and a Game

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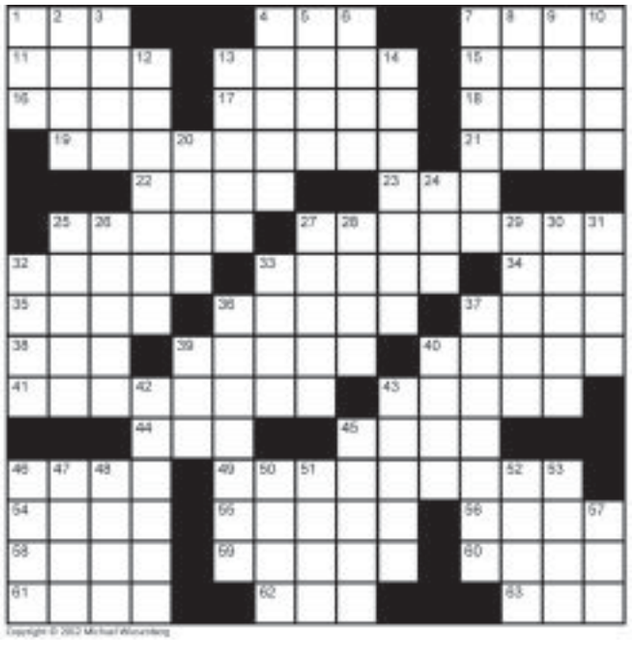

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1. Distribute seeds
4. Scotsman's cap
7. Cash register
11. National Park west of Banff
13. It might come at the end of a fable
15. One of the reeds
16. ___ & Span: household cleanser
17. "... say, not ___": parental words to kids about following orders (3 wds.)
18. Battle with police
19. Member of a Calgary team
21. AOL and Comcast
22. World's longest river
23. 180° from WNW
25. Climb
27. Winnipeg's "American Woman" band (2 wds.)
32. Gazillions
33. Daybreaks, poetically
34. Condo group: initialism
35. ___ grievance: complain openly (2 wds.)
36. Refrigerator maker now part of Maytag
37. Remainder
38. Flying saucer
39. Bank holdings: abbr.
40. Come into port
41. Canada's oldest federally registered party
43. Spelunking sites
44. Was ahead
45. Florence's river
46. Biting insect
49. Sport often associated with Canada (2 wds.)
54. Wyatt ___: Gunfight at the OK Corral survivor now buried in Colma, CA
55. Edgar ___ Poe
56. Ancient love god
58. Garage sale stipulation (2 wds.)
59. Victoria-born singer Furtado
60. Fathers
61. "Of ___ I Sing"
62. Obese
63. Posed

Down
1. ___ admin: computer techie, for short
2. "Uh oh"
3. Insubstantial amount
4. "We're off ___ the Wizard" (2 wds.)
5. Dry
6. Fabricated
7. Harper's group
8. Bird associated with 22-Across
9. Circle around
10. Permits
12. Anthem sung in every province (2 wds.)
13. Symbolic Canadian leaf
14. Manitoba-born singer McKennitt who performs world music with Celtic and Middle Eastern themes
20. 1,000 ___ = 1 inch
24. Rattler's warning
25. Space opera genre (2 wds.)
26. Chocolate substitute
27. Agile mountain animals
28. Banquet coffeepots
29. In what place?
30. Has, as a party
31. Promise
32. David's biblical predecessor
33. CCXV x X [how did the old Romans ever manage arithmetic?]
36. Early French Canadian
37. Took back, as permission
39. Exist
40. BMO: Fr.
42. Go by, as time
43. Political ally
45. Grind to ___: stop suddenly (2 wds.)
46. Great accomplishment
47. Cat-o'-nine-tails
48. Great Lake
50. Music sheet mark
51. Songstress Fitzgerald of jazz
52. Historic periods
53. He said, "Do, or do not. There is no try."
57. Tupolev Tu-144, for one: initialism

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